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City of Sanford Wins Competitive Award to Help with Using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) to Accelerate the Development of Sustainable Communities.

The City of Sanford's Planning and Development Services Department submitted an application for Smart Growth America's free technical assistance workshop in October 2014. The program is in its fourth year and the free workshop helps cities, counties and regional leaders find solutions to local issues and concerns.

The City applied for technical assistance from Smart Growth America to participate in the "Using Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design-Neighborhood Development (LEED-ND) to accelerate the development of sustainable communities" workshop.

Demand for this program is high, but the City's application stood out as exhibiting a strong interest in and need for smart growth tools and demonstrated a commitment from local business, community and political leaders to implement local smart growth solutions.

On December 10, 2014, the City of Sanford was notified that the application for the Using LEED-ND tool had been selected by Smart Growth America for free technical assistance. The City of Sanford has been selected as one of 14 winning communities from over 120 applications that will receive a free technical assistance workshop in 2015.

"This award is a testament to the hard work the City of Sanford has already done," said Roger Millar, Vice President of Smart Growth America's Leadership Institute. "Our program was more competitive this year than ever before and the City of Sanford stood out as a community doing great work. We're excited to be able to help you continue on to the next stage of this work."

"Green neighborhoods produce more business opportunities, jobs, household savings and other fiscal benefits. The City is committed to a smarter and greener future and open to innovative approaches for economic development and sustainable growth. With technical help from Smart Growth America, we can incorporate the smart growth principles in neighborhoods throughout the City," said Mayor Jeff Triplett.

Thanks to a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Sustainable Communities, this technical assistance will be offered free of cost to the City of Sanford. For additional information on smart growth America visit smartgrowthamerica.org.

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